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1. At the SED Central Committee meeting on 14 April 1953, the food situation in East Germany was described as "very serious". Surplus allotments (Mehrzuteilungen) to large bakeries are to be reduced 50 percent as of the above date. At the beginning of May, the meat allowance is to be issued only to Priority 1 recipients and important hospitals. As of the beginning of May, Berlin ration cards will be reduced by 200,000 and cards for East Germany by 1,000,000. The USSR will be asked for
 - a. A respite in food reparations deliveries;
 - b. direct assistance;
 - c. permission to draw upon strategic food supply reserves.

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